

# ALMA RECORD

## THE STATE AT LARGE.

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### GENERAL NOTES.

The work of repairing the slight damage done some ago to the metal apex and capstone to the Washington monument is in progress. The circles of scaffolding surrounding the apex of the obelisk give a very queer appearance to the shaft.

Mr. HOWELL'S calls his new novel "The Minister's Charge or, The Labors of Laelius Barber." Its publication will begin in a winter number of *The Century*. As already stated, some of the characters of "The Rise of Silas Lapham" will reappear in "The Minister's Charge," the scene of which is laid in Boston.

SUPERSTITION still has a hold on humanity as is evidenced by the following from the City of Brotherly Love: A Philadelphia woman who has a fair amount of sense on most subjects, insists that her freedom from headache for the past 20 years has been due solely to her habit of trimming her finger nails on Friday.

THE KISSING of Henry Ward Beecher by several pretty young ladies, after his Grant oration in Tremont Temple, Boston, the other evening, excited some surprise among the spectators, until the venerable gentleman explained the nature of this delightful demonstration by stating that the fair aggressors were his granddaughters.

ELDER L. H. HUNST, grandfather of the noted Miss LuLu Hunt, the electric girl, predicts the end of the world in 1932. He declares that the next year will witness symptoms of the coming event, after which startling developments will follow rapidly, such as the sun turning to blood, the sun withholding its light and a general derangement of things.

JUDGE JOHN G. O'KEEFE who died in Marquette recently, was well known throughout the state. He was born in Ireland, graduated at the University in Dublin, and had to leave his native country on account of patriotism. He went first to South America, where he served in the Paraguayan army until seriously disabled by a sabre wound. He rose to the rank of colonel. He then came to the United States and settled at Marquette which became his permanent home.

AT A meeting of the Detroit ministerial union held on Monday, Oct. 19, resolutions were passed setting forth "That moral and Christian citizens should unanimously declare that they will not vote for any man who is not directly committed to the cause of moral reform, with special reference to the deliverance of city politics from the domination of brewers, saloon-keepers, and the generally disorderly elements of society, but immediately after the party nominations a citizens' meeting should be called to review the tickets, and where unsatisfactory, recommend names to be substituted therefor."

AMONG the political documents issued by the workingmen of Massachusetts is one showing the wages paid at the state prison and the reformatory. Over 50 per cent of the 457 men in the state prison are employed. The pay of the men ranges from 40 to 73 cents a day. At the reformatory are employed 150 men at the uniform rates of 40 cents a day. There are 140 men at the state prison not employed in industrial pursuits, and though war on them has repeatedly advertised for bids for their labor, there have been no responses. The price paid for shoemaking will be advanced from 40 to 50 cents a day on Nov. 1.

JUDGE BUNDLE of Philadelphia recently imposed a heavy fine upon the proprietor of a theater in that city for exhibition of pictures representing characters in a play. The jury decided that the pictures were obscene, and the judge ruled that the whole object was to entice people into the theatre to see nude women, and that it was time to put a stop to this sort of thing. Would that a like sentiment prevailed all over the land, and that judges were equally fearless in imposing the full penalty of the law upon all who flauntily post the most obscene pictures upon bill boards in the large villages and cities. If the posting of these indecent pictures doesn't come under the head of obscene publications, it's hard to conceive how a law can be more skillfully evaded.

AT THE recent meeting of the Loyal Legion in Philadelphia, an order composed of commissioned officers of the Union army during the war of the rebellion, a commandery-in-chief was organized with Gen. W. S. Hancock as commander-in-chief; senior vice-commander-in-chief, Gen. R. B. Hayes of Ohio; junior vice-commander-in-chief, Gen. Joseph R. Hawley of Connecticut; recorder in chief, Col. J. P. Nicholson of Pennsylvania; chancellor in chief, Captain Peter D. Keiser of Pennsylvania; treasurer in chief, Gen. John J. Melton of New York. The states represented at the meeting were Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, California, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and the District of Columbia.

### Conditional Pardons.

The governor, acting upon the advice of the parole board, has issued conditional pardons to Gen. J. C. Wright, Wayne county, Indiana, and to James H. Moore, Detroit, sent up in 1882 for seven years for burglary. Delbert Livermore of Adrian was sentenced in 1884 to eight years for breaking and entering, and for robbing a safe. Edward O'Hearn, of Toledo, was sentenced in 1884 to two years for forgery; A. D. Hampton, Oakwood, sentenced for three years from October 1884, to serve 90 days for preterition.

### STATE SITTINGS.

A man swindler recently beat over \$3,000 business men of New York out of \$3 cash. When they finally "dropped on his guns," he used him as "Prof. J. C. Watt, D. D., LL. B." and has effected to believe himself in several of divine origin, with a mission to

### Closed Saloon Doors.

In the case of the People vs. Cummerford, for keeping his saloon open contrary to law, appealed from the Recorder's court, Detroit, by the defendant, Chief Justice Morse of the Supreme court, delivers the following opinion, rigidly interpreting the law, and shutting off all evasion subterfuges by which saloonists endeavor to "legally" sell liquor after hours and on Sunday, with closed front doors:

Morse, C. J.—The defendant was convicted on the offense of not keeping his saloon closed after the close of the 1st of January, 1883, from and after the hour of 10 o'clock, on the evening he has resorted to the use of dangerous weapons and has finally been prosecuted against.

Ragge, George Bennett of train No. 7 on the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad discovered a stench in the car before reaching Sturgis the other night. He located a trunk and found the lid open, which was larmaled and the source of a man inside. The body was too large for the space it occupied, and as the lid of the trunk was thrown back the feet of the corpse flew out in the baggage-car's face.

No effort was made to ascertain whether death was the result of foul play or not. The lid was closed, and the trunk was moved to Grand Rapids, to which point it was also closed. It was learned that the trunk, with its ghostly contents, had been transferred to the G. R. & I. from the Wabash at Fort Wayne.

Recently in plowing some drained marsh on the farm of Mr. Jones, Wolf, a large quantity of timber was obstructing the work.

The timber was cut down, and its existence unknown until the plowing commenced. The wood appears to be tamarack, and is sound and firm enough for firewood. The oldest residents have never seen timber of this quality.

The old wood was not suitable for the growth of timber within the memory of white men. In former ages, when there was a great want of fuel, the Indians cut down the timber and sold it to the white men.

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